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Board of Building Regulations and Standards (BBRS)
CANNABIS STUDY GROUP MEETING
September 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes
37 Shattuck St, Littleton, MA

Roll Call:

Adelle Reynolds
Harold Leaming
Jen Hoyt

☒ present ☐ absent
☐ present ☒ absent
☒ present ☐ absent

Duncan Cameron
Brad Mitchell

☒ present ☐ absent
☒ present ☐ absent

General notes on format of these minutes

- *These minutes represent general points discussed during the meeting. The minutes are not intended to be a verbatim account of discussions.*

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1. Meeting officially opened approximately at 10:10am. Started meeting by reviewing minutes from August 5, 2019 meeting, reviewed and minor changes made.
 2. Started to discuss the adoption of "Section 429: Indoor Agriculture", first discussed was **Subsection 429.3.7-Fumigation**; currently calls for compliance with 527 CMR 1.00, Brad Mitchell stated that the regulation of pesticides should fall under MGL, Ch. 132B-Massachusetts Pesticide Control Act. Jen Hoyt reviewed 527 CMR 1.00 and Board decided that we should have Counsel review, which law or code to use for regulation or both, for next meeting.
 3. Moved on to discuss **Subsection 429.3.5- Carbon Dioxide Enrichment Equipment and 429.3.8.6-Carbon Dioxide Extraction or Processing**. Brad Mitchell expressed concern that at the levels in which this section is requiring for alarms to be activated, (5000 ppm of CO₂) the proper equipment may not be easily found to purchase for the grow facilities. Jen Hoyt stated that there are facilities already using the required equipment and was available. Duncan Cameron also agreed that there is equipment currently available. Jen and Brad stated they would do some more research on equipment availability.
 4. The discussion of the difference between Cannabis and Hemp was revisited and whether or not we should include definitions within the Section and does this section include/impact Hemp Growers. Brad Mitchell asked if it was our intention to capture both Cannabis and



Hemp. Duncan Cameron stated that he felt it is more about the type of building, and the "Use" within the building. Adelle Reynolds stated that at the previous meeting MGL, Ch. 94G, Sec. 1 was discussed. (very involved definitions).

5. Jen Hoyt stated that she does not feel that Hemp Growers feel they will fall under this Section. Jessica Burgess (MA Dept. of Ag) from audience was recognized and she agrees that the Hemp Growers do not feel they will be impacted, and if they are they should be notified of meetings to have a voice. Jen Hoyt suggested that each Board member research definitions and continue discussion at next meeting, she also stated she feels that there is time for them to have a voice.
6. It was suggested that Counsel Hopper have a conversation with Counsel Kilb to possibly help clarify if we are including Hemp.
7. With no further discussion Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Brad Mitchell and seconded by Duncan Cameron, unanimously voted to close meeting @ approximately 12:00pm.